

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Some exception has been taken to the statement that many of the wealthy class are inimical to public schools. We believe it to be true. We think that many wealthy, and also many advanced and progressive people, look down upon our public schools. More than that, we think the feeling is perfectly natural, perfectly just, and entirely the result of natural causes.

The reason that many people think and feel that the public school is not a fit place for their children, is because the public school is not a fit place for anybody's child. We are not inclined to the opinion that the feeling comes from any sort of aristocratic instinct, or a desire for exclusiveness. The fund arising from the school tax is a mere nucleus, and must be so regarded. The prevalent idea is that the present fund is provided expressly to build school houses, buy fuel, pay the teachers' salaries, and all the necessary expenses of the schools. As a matter of fact, the fund will not meet one-half of this outlay. Hence, half-starved teachers, rickety school houses, want of fires, a four month school instead of eight, and a school to which no one will send who can possibly do better. Under this state of case we grumble that people turn up their noses at the public school, and cry out "Aristocracy!" There is no aristocracy about it. It is simply a school inadequate to the wants of the community.

We do not wish to decry public schools. The system is better than none, and not for worlds would we see it abolished. As a mere foundation it serves its purpose. The trouble is, we attempt to keep house in the foundation without thinking of the superstructure. The school fund must be donated. How should it be done? As a pauper county, it would be for the interest of Ohio county to vote an increase of the school tax, for we get back one half more than we pay. Under the Massachusetts system each school district must, by private tax, raise an amount equal to the public money, which at last is an increased taxation. It is useless to cry out that "money is money this year," money is always money, and has been and always will be. If times are more than usually stringent, a more rigid economy must be pursued. Then we shall be able to cheerfully meet the school tax. The result of the present system is, that every school is crowded full and running over. No teacher in the world can teach well more than thirty pupils, yet fifty, and even sixty are crowded upon them, and all because we shut our eyes to the fact that the public money is inadequate to the successful keeping of a five month school. In this state of affairs, we almost lose hope in finding that there are so many people who still oppose any school at all. However, a majority of the people at large are in favor of schools, and we cannot afford to waste pen and ink in making the dull and unneeded his pace. We must have good schools at home as can be found abroad.

We must have at home, a public school, with which the private school cannot compete. Thousands of dollars leave Ohio county annually in the shape of sending children away to be educated. What good and sufficient reason can be found to explain why better schools can be found in adjoining counties than we can possibly organize here? Who can explain why the county seat of Ohio county should be disgraced by the present school building? But more of this anon.

Arrangements are now making all over the county to commence the public schools. Let the active men of each district see to it that there is a suitable building provided; that the benches are made comfortable, and the whole school made attractive. More attention should be paid to the teacher than to the price. Get a good teacher and then make the best trade you can. Tell the people you need money; that it will be judiciously expended, and they will respond to the call. It is probable the richest man in the district will give the least. Deal with him as best you can, coax, cajole, and pound him; any way to get his money; the end justifies the means. If you fail, go to others who are not so rich. The man of average wealth is the most liberal, and universally bears the brunt of the expenses. Don't fall back and say "it's not my business." It is your business, and everybody's. That others fail is not your excuse. Lay's advice was to put money in your purse at all hazards.

We call upon every trustee to see to it that a sum be raised in his district equal to the public money. If it cannot be raised one way, raise it another. Make a public school what it ought to be, and everyone will send to it, and we shall hear no more of "aristocracy."

OUR CANEVILLE LETTER.

CANEVILLE, Ky., Sept. 18.

RELIGIOUS MATTERS.

At last our citizens have awakened to a sense of duty, and seem to be turning their attention to religious affairs more than ever before. A protracted meeting was in progress here all last week, at which several were converted, and to-day another commenced by Eld. L. B. Davidson and Jessie Board, two excellent M. E. ministers. Our citizens have at last given the ball a kick and started it to rolling in the right direction. They have several hundred dollars subscribed, and Skaggs & Kennedy have taken a contract to erect a large and commodious church here for all denominations to preach in.

CAN'T SELL WHOLE. While J. N. Brandon, a son of Dr. R. W. Brandon, left this place Thursday last for Louisville, where he will remain five months and attend medical lectures. WANTS THE LADIES TO CALL. Jops house is about complete. Come ladies and see how you like it.

HE WAS AGENT FOR CHURCH. He was agent for a patent churn. He called on the firm of Porter & Eskridge last Tuesday and wanted to sell them some churns, they told him they did not want to buy. He persisted so earnestly, however, that clerk Gary, thought he would direct the gentleman to a well known public character, who, if he could be found, would undoubtedly buy at least one churn. Any how Gary asked him if he knew Thomas Collins Esq. He said he didn't, and asked if he was a man that would invest. Gary said he was, and sent him to the depot to hunt Collins. Collins had just gone to the post-office. He went to the post-office. Tom had just gone to Blaine bar-room. He went to the bar-room and was informed by Joe, Tilford, a friend of Mr. Collins, that he had just gone to South Caneyville. The Churn man hired a horse to make that point before train time. In South Caneyville he learned that Mr. Collins had just returned to the post-office. He met an acquaintance who told him that Mr. Collins had just passed up the street, and was looking for him. "Now that's just my luck," exclaimed the churn agent. "Here I have been running my legs off looking for Mr. Collins and now Mr. Collins is after me. Really this is too good; and he slapped his hands with a full appreciation of the idea. It was noticeable that every one in the crowd at the store slapped their hands also twice to his once. "Why" he continued raising his voice to an enthusiastic pitch, "we may have actually passed each other on the street and not known it!" Whereat he laughed, and the crowd slapped their hands and laughed again, and more of it. Then he hid them a hasty good-bye and started on his chase, and the last we heard of him he was hunting for Will T. Gary and not Tom Collins.

ROMEO PINKSTAFF.

FROM LOUISVILLE.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 20.

EDITOR HERALD:—After repeated promises, I will give you a line from the city, now alive with gaiety and just enough political excitement to keep the ordinary ward politician at fever heat. Of course you will understand that the mayoralty canvass, which has already grown interesting and exciting, is the cause of the stir in political circles. Although the election is over two months in the future, the friends of the opposing candidates are working like beavers, and eliminations and re-eliminations are hurried with the bitterest feelings by those who labored shoulder to shoulder in former political contests. Really the situation is creating no little alarm in the minds of many of the more staid citizens, as to how or when the feud will end. Money will be poured out without stint, and the election bumper, whose services are indispensable in the city, will have no lack of material out of which to create a first class riot. The worst passions of the ignorant are being appealed to in speeches and harangues of the most inflammatory character, and while many are thoroughly disgusted at the course of both demagogues and their paid yelpers, the

mentioned bumper is in a perfect heaven of delight. I wish I could give your readers an idea of what manner of being the bumper is. He is a professional, as well as the lawyer, the doctor, or any other class of men, and like others, he is dependent upon his success—his merit as a manipulator of conventions and elections, for a livelihood. His manner of procedure is this: he goes into primaries with his crowd of roughs well piled with mean whiskey, has himself elected delegate, and sells the ward or precinct to the highest bidder. His genius is not yet exhausted, as you will see when he recovers from his arduous labors; and a few days before the election, he pockets a fee from the opposition candidate, and sells the ward again. This is no imaginary sketch, but true to the life, and no man who hopes to be elected to any office in the city can afford to dispense with his services.

We are now enjoying the benefit of the fast mail train from New York, which is doubtless the first step towards establishing fast lines all over the country. I suppose the time of the Paducah road will be changed so as to give the Green river country the benefit of the arrangement. It will only have to wait about thirty minutes longer, and you can then get New York papers the afternoon of the second day, or about thirty-six hours old, a saving of twenty-five hours to all points supplied by the agents on that line. We have two representatives from this county on the fast line, whose business it will be to distribute and forward to the different routes and principal offices, all mail for this State. They were detailed from the Louisville and Nashville postal route, and are well posted, efficient clerks, who will not let Kentucky suffer any inconvenience from delayed mails.

In a future letter I will give you a more detailed account of how this postal car system is managed, perhaps it will prove interesting to some of your readers, but will not trespass further at present.

CITIZEN.

"R. C." TALKS AGAIN.

NO CREEK, Ky., Sept. 21.

EDITOR HERALD:—By making an attack on the institutes I find I have got myself into business, and like a buffalo, surrounded by a pack of wolves, I no longer repel an attack on one side than I am pitched into on the other. The fact before me appears hereafter, and instead of the clouds lifting and the scene before me brightening up, and in the language of Pope,—

The increasing prospect tires my wandering eyes.

Bills peep'er hills and Alps on Alps arise

J. O'F. comes into the field full of "wrath and cabbage," and throws mud as freely as an old roadster; he flings mud at me, at "G. M. R." at the school commissioner, and at the county board of magistrates; and appears to have no love nor reserve for anybody but himself and the conductors of institutes, whom he calls "gentlemen of the first water," by which I suppose he means gentlemen with the *Hydrogen Capitis*, or high-head, like himself. He seems to think two dollars a very small consideration for the opportunity of having the company of a teacher of an institute. Kentucky has a great weakness of looking on themselves as gentlemen; and are so jealous of that character, that to deny it to their faces, would instantly subject one to the danger of a rap on the nasal protuberance. He talks of "ethical dignity," and honorable intercourse among teachers, and then illustrates his meaning by the application of such terms as "astute philologist," "predicament donkey," "sylvan philosopher,"—by the last of which term he intimates that my philosophy smells of the woods. I would say from the peculiar shape of his initials, that J. O'F.'s philosophy smells of the logs. He is particularly sensitive on the subject of institutes, from which fact I would judge that he either belongs to the "ring" or has a great ambition to do so. If he can just get the title of Dr. or Prof. stuck to his name he can knock round over the country during vacation holding institutes, instruct the people, and make "gentlemen" of the teachers, and besides that, make his "jack" very handsomely. An institute teacher reminds me of St. Anthony—

"St. Anthony at church was left in the lurch, So he went to the diocese and preached to the flocks."

No sermon beside had the fish so edified; Much delighted were they, but preferred the old way."

Teachers can be forced to attend the institutes by fines and forfeitures; but attending is one thing and learning is another, and so long as legal compulsion is resorted to, will the institutes be obnoxious and hateful to those for whose benefit they purport to have been created.

He contends for a uniformity of school books. Why should he at

tempt to galvanize and bolster up a dead issue? The law that was passed to affect that object is as inert as a ball of dough, and as impotently as a grindstone without a crank. The public mind is not sufficiently enlaved for the enforcement of such a law, and it is to be hoped never will be—and it is also to be hoped that the school law from which so many blessings are anticipated may never become an engine of oppression to make the people groan instead of rejoice. Some school officers go so far as to advocate the doctrine of compulsory attendance at school, such an idea is anti-American, and despotic, and no man having any love for a democratic government ought to be heard vindicating a system so monstrous. It is the duty of a teacher to use whatever books his pupils may carry to school, and not scold and storm as some do, because they cannot have everything to suit their own convenience—they never think of the continual expense to patrons of buying new books, when, perhaps there is any quantity of old books lying on the shelves as good as new. Teachers owe it to their patrons to favor their interests more than the evilly projects of book sellers, who are eternally seeking some pretext to change their books and drive the previous editions out of the schools in order to throw new batches of books on the public, and extort from the people fresh supplies of money.

FROM TAYLORTOWN.

TAYLORTOWN, Sept. 15, 1875.

A FORTUNE BEARING TREE.

Last spring Mr. Haid. Brown hired a young man from Butler county, by the name of Austin Brown. Said young man told Mr. Brown the following curious incident: He said seven or eight years since, a man of very doubtful character, stayed at their house for some time.

He gambled whenever opportunity offered. Said man's name was Bill, Bumpus (or so he styled himself). While Bumpus was staying with Brown, he (Bumpus), heard that some men were at Rochester for the purpose of arresting him, when he heard this he took Brown with him in the woods, placed \$1700.00 in a hollow tree, (nine hundred dollars in greenbacks and the rest in gold and silver), and told Brown that if the men arrested him, and he heard nothing from him in eighteen months, for him to take the money and use it. The men did arrest Bumpus, and Brown never has heard from him since. Brown has been afraid to take the money for fear that there might be something wrong in regard to it, but last Saturday night (so he says) he went and got the money, which he says he now has.

Some people remember the arrest of Bumpus, although it is a strange story.

N. B.—Brown has been trying to play the devoted to a handsome widow, but has a rival in a gentleman who told said widow that he had \$1700.00 in cash. I wonder if Brown's luck will not turn the current in his favor?

H. B. T.

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